Demands of CGHS employees

*95. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CGHS employees have gone on an indefinite strike from the 7th March, 1990;

(b) if so, what are their demands;

(c) whether any agreement was reached with the All India CGHS Employees' Association on the 3rd June, 1988; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof together with the reasons for not implementing the same ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands of the CGHS employees are:

(i) Promotional avenues for Group 'C' and 'D' employees.

(ii) Grant of Patient care Allowance.

(c) and (d) Though no formal agreement was entered into, yet, discussions were held at various levels with the representatives of CGHS Employees' Association regarding their promotional avenues. In pursuance of these discussions, action has been initiated in consultation with Department of Personnel and Ministry of Finance to formulate proposals. The other major demand relating to payment of patient care allowance referred to a Committee of Experts whose report, received on 15-3-1990, is under examination.

Power cut imposed by the Andhra Pradesh Government

*96. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the powercut imposed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh recently; and

(b) if so, whether any steps are proposed to be taken by the Union Government to help the consumers in general and the farmers in particular ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) and (b) The power cuts in force in Andhra Pradesh during March, 1990 are as under:—

	% Demand Cut	% Energy Cut
All HT consumers with contract demand		
—between 500 KVA and 10,000 KVA	35	40
—10,000 KVA and above	55	60

At present, agricultural consumers are being supplied power for about 13 hours per day, which is normally adequate to meet the requirement of this sector.

In order to improve the availability of power in the State, various measures are being taken which include expediting commissioning of new capacities, optimum utilisation of existing capacities, reduction in transmission and distribution losses and implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme of